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In re application of:

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 9, 2006

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 11, 2006 and the Notice of Appeal filed June 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.